

BUSINESS RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

Agenda for the Spring BRAC committee meetings, April 19 and 20, 2006

The schedule below shows the dates and times for all individual committee meetings to be held April 19 and 20, 2006. All of the meetings will be held in the Conference Center of the Postal Square Building, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC.

Wednesday - April 19 (Conference rooms 1 & 2)

10:00 - 11:30 a.m. - Committee on Productivity and Foreign Labor Statistics

1. The new NAICS-based major sector multifactor productivity measures
2. Productivity and cost measures for two new service industries
3. Chartbook of international labor comparisons
4. Update on country expansion in compensation comparisons (China, India, and ILO collaboration)
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Fall 2006 meeting

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. - Committee on Compensation and Working Conditions

1. Benefits outputs -- a summary of recent research
2. Change is coming to the ECI -- a preview of the April Monthly Labor Review
3. Defining wages -- a comparison of BLS programs
4. Program developments -- short reports on recent and up-coming changes
5. Discussion of agenda items for the Fall 2006 meeting

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Committee on Prices Indexes

1. CPI: Medical Care and Prescription Drugs
2. PPI: Classification of Firms as Manufacturing or Wholesale Trade
3. Discussion of agenda items for the Fall 2006 meeting

Thursday - April 20 (Conference rooms 1 & 2)

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee on Employment and Unemployment Statistics

1. Report on the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC) recommendations on the CPS-CES discrepancy
2. Discussion of planned changes to the Mass Layoff Statistics employer interview: a) revisions to the reasons for separations; and b) addition of business functions of separated employees
3. Review and discussion of preliminary plans for integrating Current Employment Statistics and Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages data
4. Discussion of agenda items for the Fall 2006 meeting

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Council Meeting

1. Chairperson's opening remarks
2. Commissioner's address and discussion

1:30 - 3:00 p.m. - Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics

1. Election of Vice-Chair for the Committee
2. Brief Recap of Results from the 2004 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses—Summary and Case & Demographics
3. Internet collection and Mail Tests
4. Research Results to date—Injury, Illness, and Fatality Rates
5. Potential Undercount
6. Updates – Future plans; schedule of next news releases; budget status
7. Discussion of agenda items for the Fall 2006 meeting

The meetings are open to the public. If you have any questions regarding BRAC or need additional information, please contact advisorycommittees@bls.gov.